



2021-2022 Advisory Council on Brain Injuries

Appointed Members

Carmine Boal (2021-2023) Ankeny, IA <i>Survivor of Brain Injury</i>	Danielle Brazant (2021-2023) Marion, IA <i>Survivor of Brain Injury</i>	Tom Brown (2020-2022) Madrid, IA <i>Family Member</i>	Brenda Easter (2020-2022) Indianola, IA <i>Provider</i>
Andrea Gomez (2021-2023) Shenandoah, IA <i>Family Member</i>	Justin Johnston (2020-2022) Sioux City, IA <i>Survivor of brain injury</i>	Jean Shelton (2021-2023) Ankeny, IA <i>Provider</i>	Ashley Smith (2021-2023) De Witt, IA <i>Provider</i>
Mary Underwood (2021-2023) Adel, IA <i>Survivor of brain injury</i>	Frank Varvaris (2020-2022) Cedar Rapids, IA <i>Family Member</i>	Sue Wilson (2020-2022) Indianola, IA <i>Provider</i>	Open (2020-2022) <i>Provider</i>
	Open (2021-2023) <i>Provider</i>	Open (2021-2023) <i>Provider</i>	

Ex-Officio Members

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Task Force Members

*denotes task force chair/co-chair

Executive Task Force	
*Chairperson: Brenda Easter, ACBI appointed member	
Vice-chairperson: Andrea Gomez, ACBI appointed member	
Immediate Past Chairperson: Open, ACBI appointed member	
State Plan Task Force Chair: Brenda Easter, ACBI appointed member	
State Plan Task Force	
Tom Brown, ACBI appointed member	
*Brenda Easter, ACBI appointed member	
Maggie Ferguson, Iowa Dept. of Public Health Brain Injury Program	
Megan Hartwig, Community Member	
Justin Johnston, ACBI appointed member	
Geoff Lauer, Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa	
Brooke Lovelace, Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council	
LeAnn Moskowitz, ACBI ex officio member	
Jim Pender, Iowa Dept. of Public Health Brain Injury Program	
Toni Reimers, ACBI ex officio member	
Ashley Smith, ACBI appointed member	
Sue Wilson, ACBI appointed member	
Individual and Family Access Task Force	
Connie Fanslow, ACBI ex officio member	
Andrea Gomez, ACBI appointed member	
Megan Hartwig, Community Member	
Brandi Jensen, Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa	
Justin Johnston, ACBI appointed member	
Jim Pender, Iowa Dept. of Public Health Brain Injury Program	
Toni Reimers, ACBI ex officio member	
*Sue Wilson, ACBI appointed member	
*Mary Underwood, ACBI appointed member	
Service Systems Enhancement Task Force	
Carmine Boal, ACBI appointed member	
Danielle Brazant, ACBI appointed member	
Tom Brown, ACBI appointed member	
Monica Goedken, Iowa Dept. of Public Health	
*Andrea Gomez, ACBI appointed member	
Megan Hartwig, Community Member	
LeAnn Moskowitz, ACBI ex officio member	
Jim Pender, Iowa Dept. of Public Health Brain Injury Program	
Toni Reimers, ACBI ex officio member	
Mary Underwood, ACBI appointed member	



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Prevention Task Force	
Gina Batten, Rise Beautiful Foundation	
Brenda Easter, ACBI appointed member	
Maggie Ferguson, Iowa Dept. of Public Health Brain Injury Program	
Justin Johnston, ACBI appointed member	
Vicki Peterson, Iowa Dept. of Public Health	
*Ashley Smith, ACBI appointed member	
Carrie VanQuathem, ChildServe	
Melissa Walker, ACBI ex officio member	
Sue Wilson, ACBI appointed member	
Covid-19 & Brain Injury Task Force	
Tom Brown, ACBI appointed member	
Maggie Ferguson, Iowa Dept. of Public Health Brain Injury Program	
Megan Hartwig, Community Member	
Megan Henning, Exceptional Persons, Inc.	
Justin Johnston, ACBI appointed member	
Geoff Lauer, Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa	
Jim Pender, Iowa Dept. of Public Health Brain Injury Program	
Toni Reimers, ACBI ex officio member	
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